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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SCHEEL ET AL.

Examiner

John L. Goff

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/173,625.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. Applicant is advised that should claim 23 be found allowable, claim 25 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Verlinden et al. (U.S. Patent 6,287,674).

Verlinden et al. disclose a method of manufacturing a multi-layer pc board comprising providing a thin borosilicate glass layer (e.g. a high strength layer having a thickness of 10 to 450 micrometers), applying (e.g. physically coating) a resin layer to at least one surface of the glass layer, and joining another layer (e.g. thermoplastic, thermosetting, metal, etc.) to the glass layer through the resin layer by pressing in heated rollers to form the multi-layer pc board having

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a glass layer acting as an inside or outside reinforcing layer (Column 3, lines 3-10 and 45-50 and Column 4, line 20 and Column 5, lines 45-53 and Column 6, lines 7-26 and Column 8, line 49).

4. Claims 1-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cloots et al. (U.S. Patent 6,197,418).

Cloots et al. disclose a method of manufacturing a multi-layer pc board comprising providing a thin borosilicate glass layer (e.g. a high strength layer having a thickness of 10 to 500 micrometers), applying (e.g. physically coating) a resin layer to at least one surface of the glass layer, and joining another layer (e.g. thermoplastic, thermosetting, metal, etc.) to the glass layer through the resin layer by pressing in heated rollers to form the multi-layer pc board having a glass layer acting as an inside or outside reinforcing layer (Column 3, lines 7-60 and Column 4, lines 8-11 and Column 5, lines 55-60 and Column 9, lines 7-10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later

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invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

7. Claims 1-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 09270573 (See the machine translation) in view of either one of Verlinden et al. or Cloots et al.

JP 09270573 discloses a method of manufacturing a multi-layer pc board comprising providing a glass layer, and joining another layer (e.g. metal) to the glass layer through a resin layer by pressing in heated rollers to form the multi-layer pc board having a glass layer acting as an inside or outside reinforcing layer (Figures 1-3 and Paragraphs 9 and 10). JP 09270573 does not specifically require borosilicate glass as the glass layer. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use as the glass layer taught by JP 09270573 a thin borosilicate glass layer having a thickness of for example 500 micrometers as this was a well known high strength glass layer used in the same art as shown for example by either one of Verlinden et al. or Cloots et al.

Verlinden et al. and Cloots et al. are described above in full detail.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **John L. Goff** whose telephone number is (571) 272-1216. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:15 AM - 3:45 PM).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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